Anyhow if the establishment continues next year—and, by the grace of God, we will hope no such necessity will arise—more details will be shown.

As regards the provision for the Director of Agricultural we do not know when an officiating Director may be apponted. Therefore it is necessary to make the full provision.

As regards the Food Supplies Advances, under debit it is Rs. 305 lakhs and under credit it is Rs. 120 lakhs.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: I want the answer to question No. 116.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: The amount has already been spent. There is therefore no question of touching the present cash balance as the amount was spent from the previous cash balance.

As regards the Agricultural Advances, of course it is true that Rs. 25,000 was provided in the first instance and Rs. 50,000 was additionally voted, but the revised estimate has to show the amount which is to be spent and not the original provision plus the additional allotment.

The member has also raised the question whether 'Advances Repayable' is an asset. It is an asset as it represents advances granted by the Government.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: If it is given as 'recoverable' I can understand.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: "Repayable" is also the expression used elsewhere. It means 'repayable by others.' As regards the capital expenditure being shown as an asset, I may explain that Government borrow money for productive schemes from the open market or from others. Then the money is invested in the concern, and the concern is an asset of the Government. Against the liability for the loan, the asset is the productive scheme and nothing more.

The motion, by leave, was withdrawn.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 2,52,166 under Demand XII—General Administration—Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's office and Local Fund Audit Department, was put and carried.

The motion was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XIII—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 65,300 under Demand XIII—General Administration—Legislative Bodies.

PRESIDENT: For obvious reasons and in order to give the fullest scope for discussion, I am not going to curtail any discussion on the first two items on the motion paper. Though the two cut motions are really out of order, I am going to allow discussion on them consistently with the time limit.

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Motion 178.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, I move

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 42,000 for travelling allowance by Re. 1".

My object in moving this motion is to speak of the urgent necessity of providing suitable accommodation for members of the Legislature for their stay during the sessions of the Legislature as well as of committees. This motion was brought before the House about three years ago by the honourable member, Mr. M. L. Janardhana Pillai.

PRESIDENT: I am afraid the Government have been rather slow in this matter and are guilty to the charge. The Government are actively considering the steps to be taken for providing accommodation to the honourable members.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: In view of the statement from the Chair, I do not further proceed with the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 65,000 under Demand XIII—General Administration—Legislative Bodies—was put and carried.

The motion was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XIV—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 12,45,577 under Demand XIV—Administration of Justice.

Motion 183.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, I move

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 95,500 for High Court by Re. 1"

In the matter of appointment to the judiciary, preference should be given to the members of the Bar. In appointing Munsiffs, 75% of them should be from the members of the Bar. My submission is that this principle should be extended to the appointment of District Judges and Additional Judges. There are now a good number of advocates and lawyers practising throughout the State who are competent to hold such positions and I regard that the appointment of them as judges will only add to the efficiency of the Judicial Department. The original practice was to reserve 50 per cent of the vacancies of the judiciary to the members of the Bar. But nowadays, due recognition is not given to the practising lawyers. My request is that, at least 75 per cent of the judges should be appointed from among the members of the Bar. The last six appointments to the place of additional judges were made from the department by giving promotions from that establishment. I hope that this matter will engage the serious attention of the Government, especially in view of the fact that the Head of the Administration is an eminent member of the Bar and a lawyer of international reputation. With these words, I commend my motion for the acceptance of the House.

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